

McCarthy/McGrath Boulevard

Moving Forward along the Route 28 Corridor

Public Meeting
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Thursday, July 17, 2014
Argenziano School Cafeteria
290 Washington Street
Somerville, MA



massDOT
Massachusetts Department of Transportation

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2. Project Overview
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INTRODUCTIONS

- MassDOT
- City of Somerville
- Project Team
- Working Group



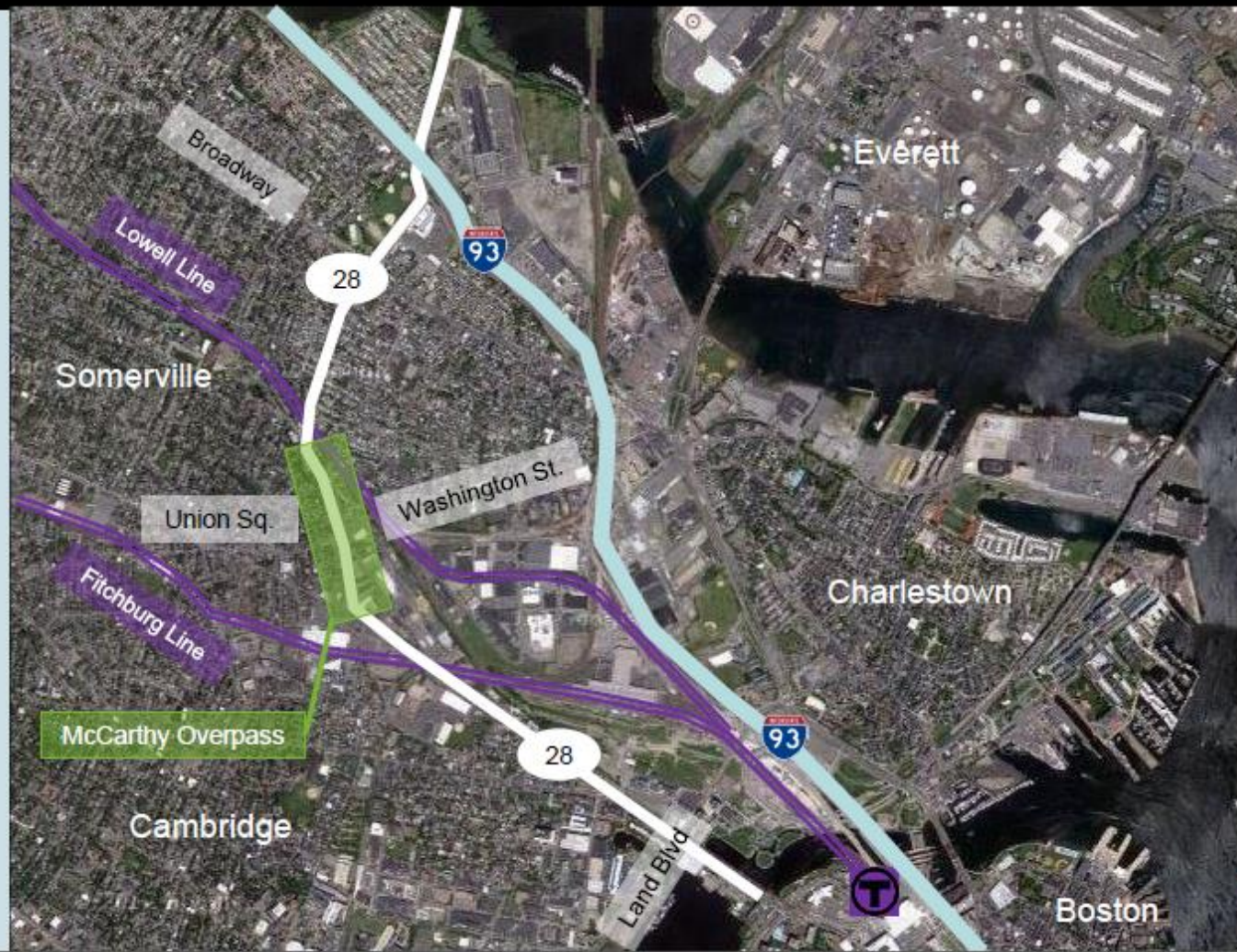
INTRODUCTIONS

- **Mayor Joseph Curtatone - Somerville**
- **Frank DePaola - MassDOT**
- **Michael Trepanier - MassDOT**
- **Hayes Morrison - Somerville**
- **Sarah Spicer - Somerville**

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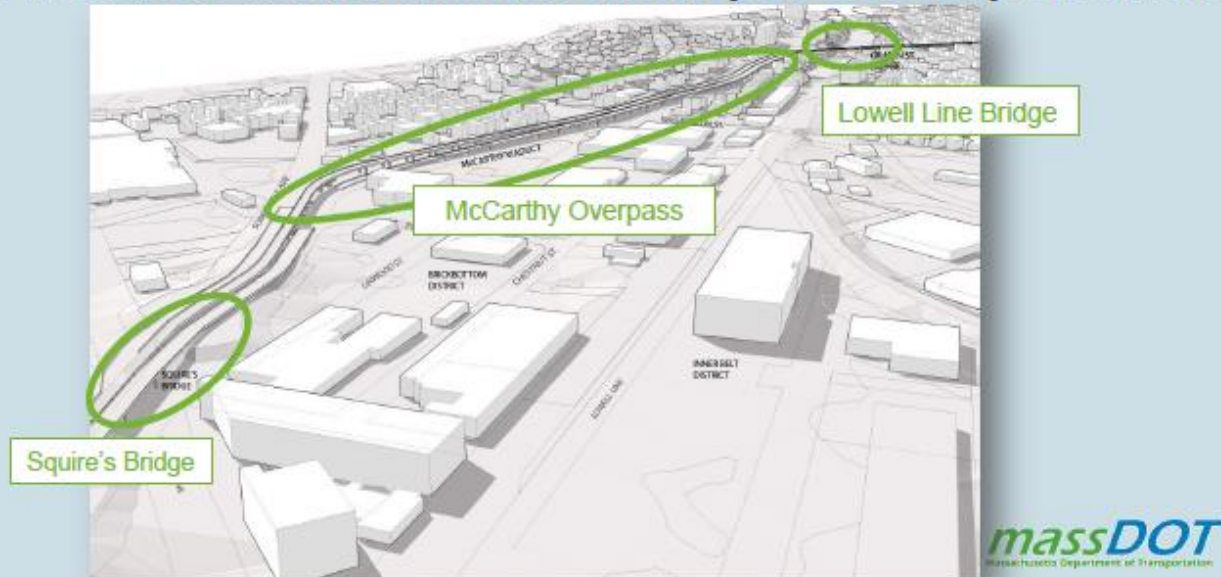
- Project Development Process

- Planning Study– “Grounding McGrath”

- Conceptual Design
 - Environmental Permitting & Review
 - Preliminary Design
 - Final Design
 - Construction

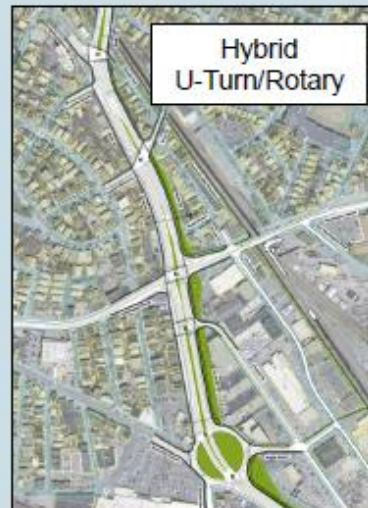
WHAT'S BEEN DONE?

- Grounding McGrath - Purpose
 - Examine issues in Route 28 corridor
 - Assess potential to remove McCarthy Overpass
 - Evaluate multi-modal transportation potential



WHAT'S BEEN DONE?

- **Grounding McGrath - Process**
 - 2 Public Hearings
 - 7 Working Group Meetings
 - 3 Alternatives Developed
 - **Health Impact Assessment**



WHAT'S BEEN DONE?

- **Grounding McGrath – Boulevard Alternative**

- Opportunities

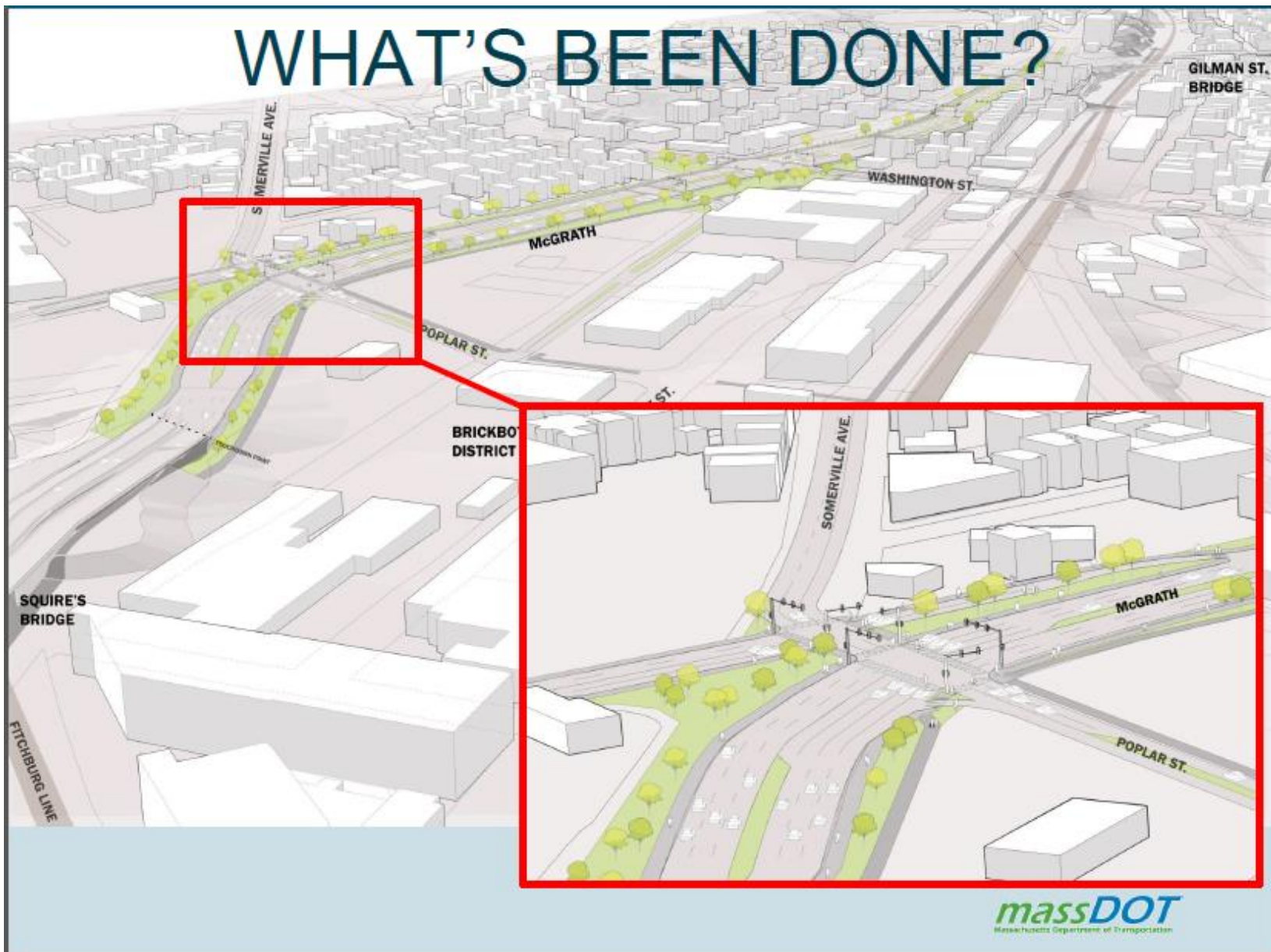
- Complete Streets
 - Intuitive Wayfinding
 - Community Improvement
 - Open Space

- Issues

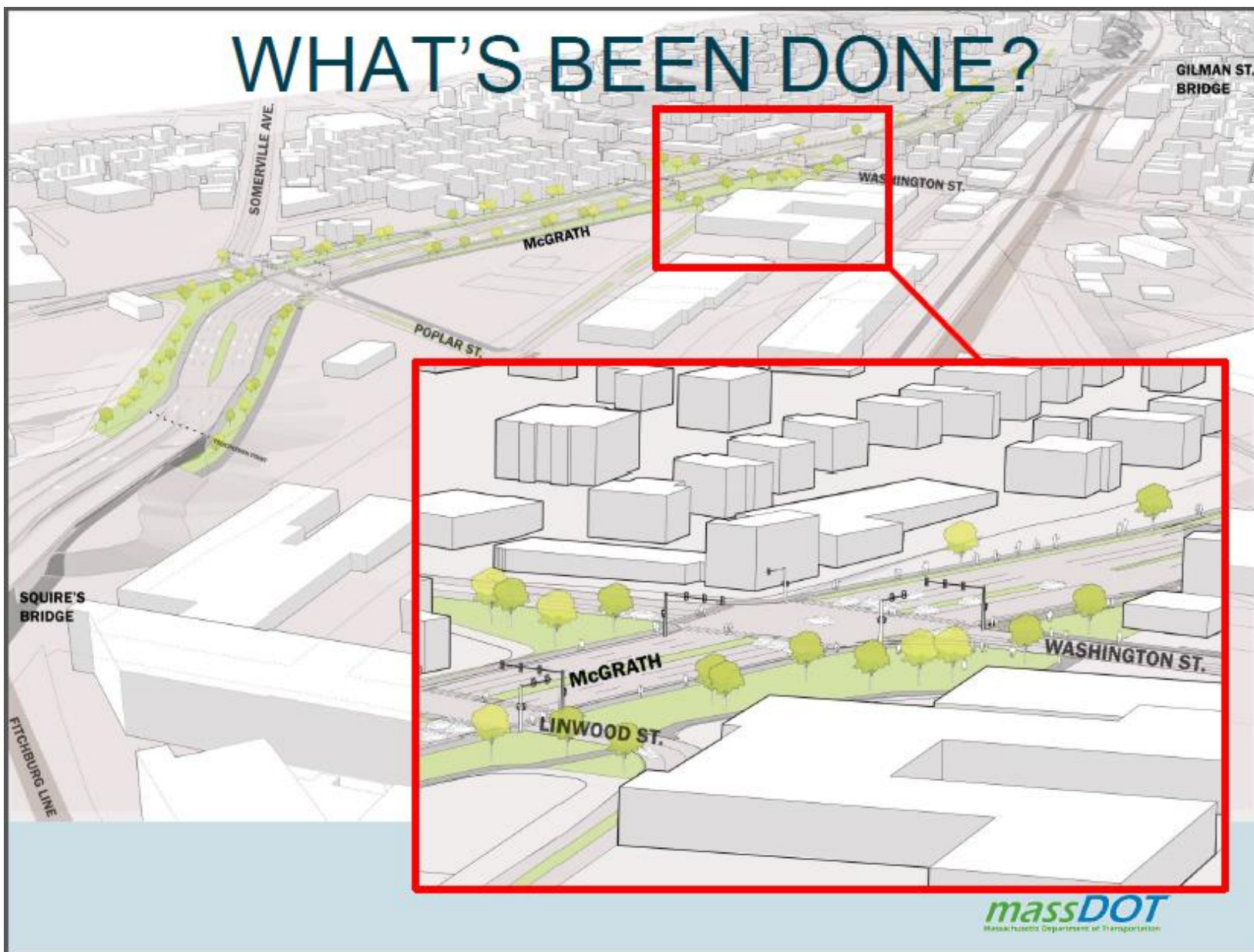
- Traffic Diversions
 - Washington St. Connectivity
 - Potential Queuing



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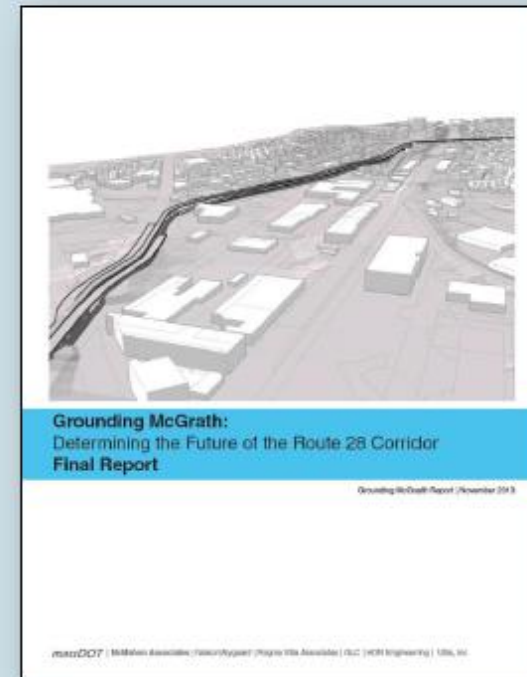


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- Grounding McGrath – Outcomes
 - Completed planning study
 - Recommendations
 - 6-lane Boulevard
 - 4-lane Boulevard



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WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- Short Term Improvements
 - Ramp Closures
 - Somerville Avenue “Punch-Through”
 - Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvements
 - 2015 Construction

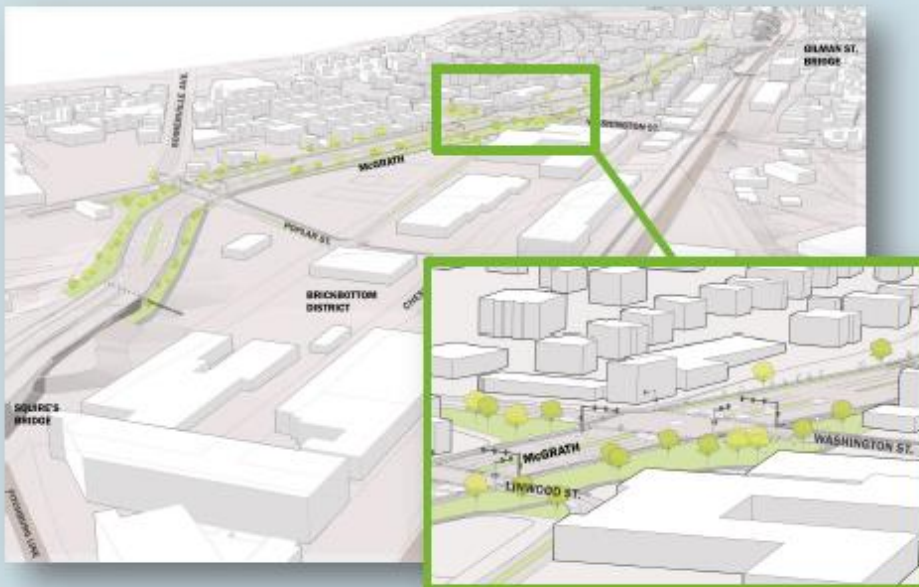


WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- Planning Study – “Grounding McGrath”
- **Project Development**
 - Continued Alternatives Development & Analysis
 - Air Quality
 - State Environmental Review (MEPA)
- Preliminary Design
- Final Design
- Construction

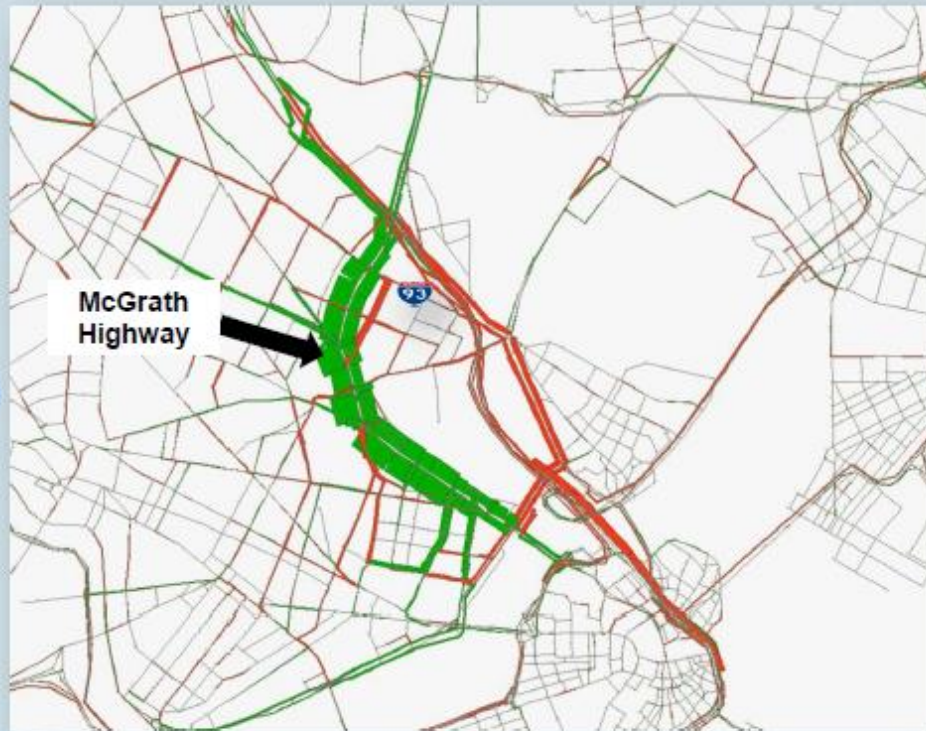
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- Alternatives Development & Analysis
 - 6 Lane Boulevard
 - 4 Lane Boulevard



WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- Traffic Analysis
 - Additional Data Collection
 - Multimodal Analysis
 - Regional Modeling
 - Expanded Study Area



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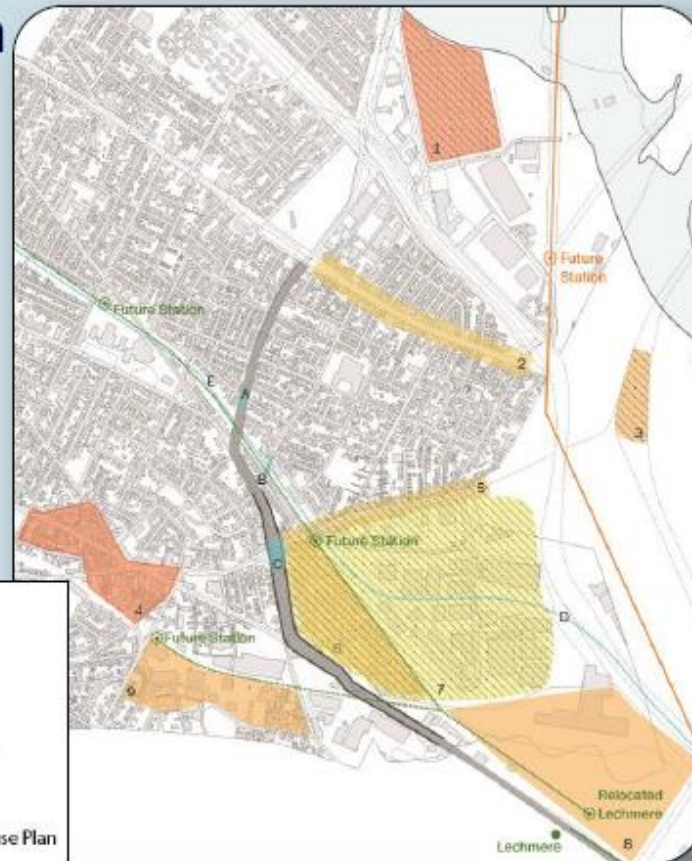
- Expanded Study Area
 - 11 Original Intersections
 - 20 Additional Intersections
 - Expanded into:
 - Cambridge
 - Charlestown
 - Medford



WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- Ongoing Project Coordination
 - MBTA Green Line Extension
 - Somerville Community Path
 - Inner Belt Brick Bottom
 - Union Square
 - Rutherford Avenue
 - NorthPoint

Development Districts	
1	Assembly Square IKEA 2003 Transportation Plan
2	Broadway Streetscape Improvements
3	Sullivan Square
4	Union Square
2009 Transportation Plan + MBTA Green Line Extension	
5	Washington Street Reconstruction signals, landscape, + sidewalks
6	Brickbottom
7	Inner Belt Urban Streetscape + Adaptive Reuse Plan scope April 2010
8	North Point/New Lechmere
9	Boylston Yards



WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT?

- Next Meeting
 - What: Working Group Meeting
 - When: October 2014
 - Why: Refined alternatives and preliminary traffic analysis

PUBLIC COMMENT

Project website: **Coming soon!**

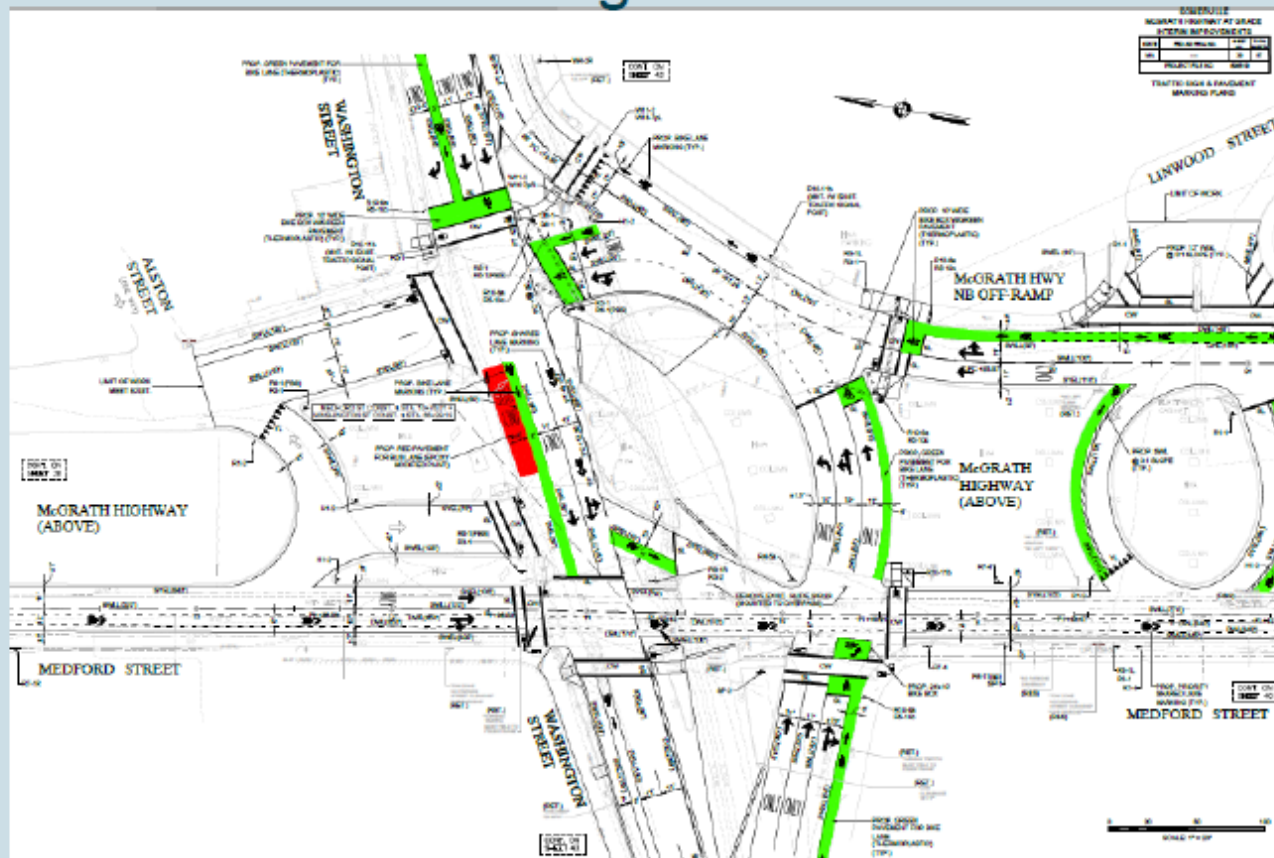
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SHORT TERM IMPROVEMENTS

Washington Street



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Somerville Avenue

